

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1116 - HB 2035

March 10, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the Professional Fire Department Employees Negotiations Act giving professional firefighters the right to join or form professional employee organizations and outlines the scope of such organizations function.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000 *

Assumptions:

- 59 fire departments in Tennessee with 10 or more full-time paid firefighters.
- An increase in local government expenditures would occur due to the cost of labor negotiations, litigation, mediation and arbitration, and any agreed upon salary and benefit enhancements.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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